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SUBJ POSSIBLE U.S. PROTEST RE ASBESTOS FIBERS

1. THE CANADIAN HANSARD FOR MARCH 20 REPORTS

THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE:

"MR. STUART LEGGATT (NEW WESTMINSTER):...WOULD THE MINISTER ADVISE THE HOUSE WHY SHE HAS NOT BROUGHT IN REGULATIONS CONCERNING ASBESTOS UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT SO WE CAN HAVE ANTIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD TO TRY TO ASSIST THE PROBLEM AT THETFORD MINES?

"HON. JEANNE SAUVE (MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT):...THE HON. MEMBER WILL REALIZE THAT THE CLEAN AIR ACT DOES NOT GIVE ME THE POWER TO BRING DOWN A RECOMMENDATION...WE ARE NOW LOOKING INTO THE ASBESTOS QUESTION...

"MR. LEGGATT: ...WOULD THE MINISTER ADVISE THE HOUSE IF SHE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS LODGED A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING AMBIENT ASBESTOS AIR THAT IS BLOWING ACROSS THE BORDER INTO MAINE, CREATING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GROWING INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?

"MRS. SAUVE: ...I AM NOT AWARE THAT THE EPA HAS SENT
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A PROTEST TO THIS COUNTRY..."

2. COMMENT: SINCE THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY US GOVERNMENT PROTEST TO THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING ASBESTOS POLLUTION, IT
ASSUMES THAT LEGGATT IS MISINFORMED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE FOR PROPER RESPONSE SHOULD EMBASSY BE ASKED
ABOUT MATTER.
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